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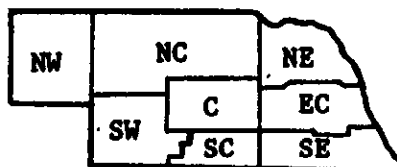
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WEATHER

It was a pleasant, dry week with near normal temperatures. The average temperatures ranged from one degree below normal up to three degrees above normal. Rainfall was very spotty and light with up to a few hundredths of an inch reported.

GENERAL

Nebraska's harvest progress surged forward last week with excellent drying conditions across the State. Over 40% of the soybean and sorghum crops were combined in the last seven days. Corn harvest continued at a much slower pace with moisture levels still ranging from the mid teens to the upper 20's. Sugar beet harvest was virtually completed over the weekend with sugar content remaining below normal. Only a few more days of favorable weather are needed for the completion of dry bean harvest. The dry bean industry was busy trying to assess field loss and reduction in quality related to weather. Other activities included fall plowing, discing and fertilizing. The number of days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5% short, 88% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 7% short, 88% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 4% short, 84% adequate and 12% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 21% short, 70% adequate and 9% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 27% fair, 63% good and 8% excellent. All of the crop had emerged except for a few extremely late planted fields. Additional acreage was planted last week in the southeast.

Corn harvest advanced to 45% complete, behind 55% last year and 65% average. Practically all corn harvested to this point was going into dryers. Most producers are waiting for the moisture levels to drop. A few reports of lodging and downed corn from wind damage continued to come in, but overall, the crop is standing well.

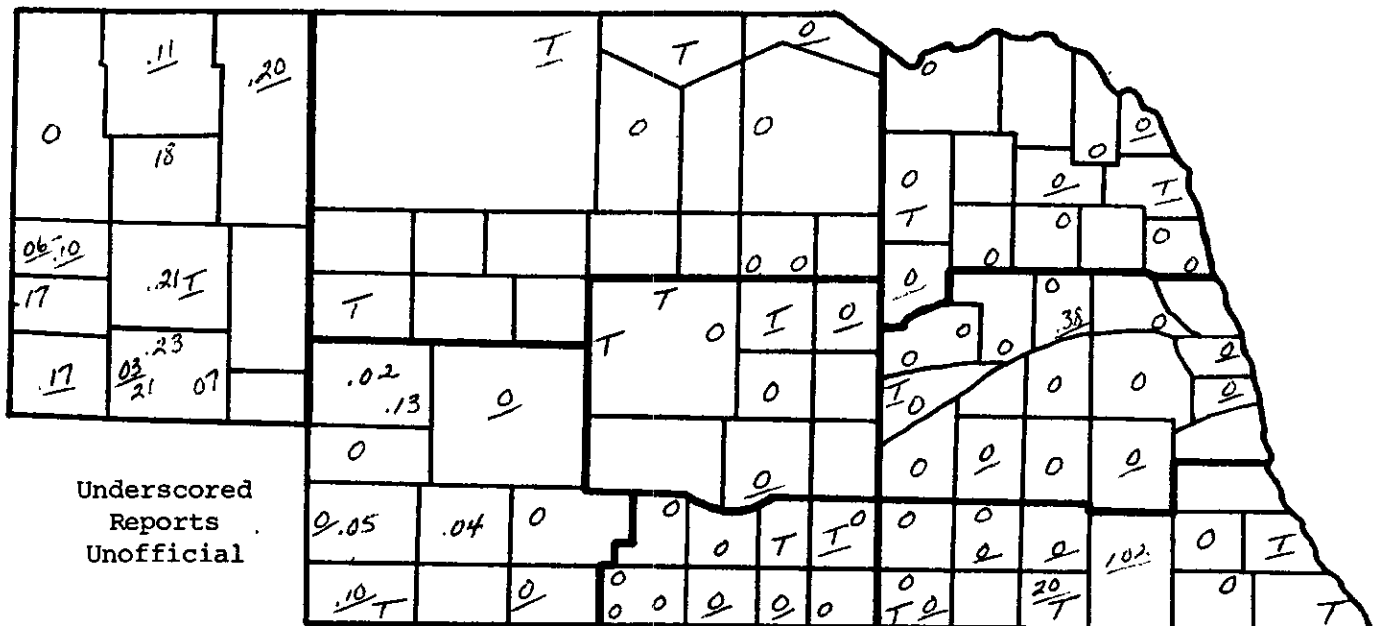
Soybean harvest jumped to 85% complete, ahead of last year's 70% but still behind the 90% average. Only a small amount of field loss has been attributed to the late-September snowfall thus far.

Sorghum harvest moved forward sharply to 80% complete, now ahead of 70% last year and the 75% average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Grazing in native pastures has been good this fall and was just starting to get short. Movement of yearlings and some calves to market continued. Producers were busy weaning calves and moving cattle to crop stubble.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1985

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	80	22	47	--	.18
	Scottsbluff	76	26	46	+3	.12
	Sidney	74	22	46	--	0
NC	Ord	68	23	45	--	0
	Valentine	66	11	43	+1	.02
NE	Norfolk	65	23	44	0	0
	Sioux City	64	26	45	0	.01
CEN	Grand Island	68	25	45	-1	0
EC	Lincoln	67	26	48	0	0
	Omaha	64	29	47	+1	T
SW	Imperial	68	24	49	--	.10
	North Platte	65	18	43	0	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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